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Appln. No. 10/527,129  
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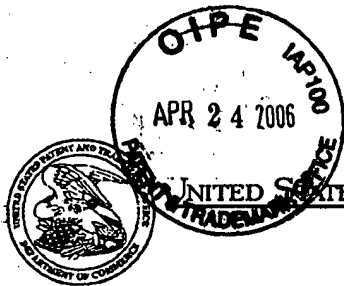
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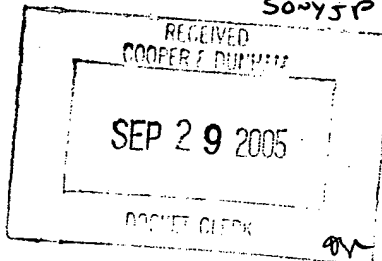
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## Foreign Applications

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## Title

Switching power supply circuit

**Preliminary Class**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## SWITCHING POWER CIRCUIT

the specification of which  
(check one)

  x   is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on August 13, 2004 \_\_\_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. PCT/JP04/011950

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
P2003-328685	Japan	September 19, 2003	X	
P2003-297625	Japan	August 21, 2003	X	
P2003-297626	Japan	August 21, 2003	X	

## Declaration and Power of Attorney

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